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FRENCH NAVY DESTROYER DUPERRE WITH COMMANDER OF FRENCH
MEDITERRANEAN SQUADROM RADM. ROBIN ABOARD AND THREE FRIGATES
VISITED IZMIR 8-11 MARCH PRIOR COMMENCING JOINT EXERCISE
WITH TURKISH NAVY ELEMENTS. ACCORDING TURKISH NAVAL OFFICER
FOUR DAY ANTI-SUB WARFARE EXERCISE, WHICH RESULTED FROM

PAGE 2 RUFLAEA3127 C O N F I D E N T I A L

FRENCH INITIATIVE, WILL TAKE PLACE MARCH 11-14 IN AEGEAN
INTERNATIONAL WATERS BETWEEN ISLANDS OF SAMOS AND LESBOS, AND
TURKISH ELEMENT WILL INCLUDE ONE DESTROYER, TWO SUBS AND ONE
SUB TENDER. ACCORDING VISITING FRENCH OFFICERS THEIR VESSELS
HAVE JUST COMPLETED SIMILAR EXERCISE WITH GREEK NAVY. ACCORDING
ONE OF THOSE OFFICERS, 85 PERCENT OF FRENCH NAVY NOW "ORIENTED
ON MEDITERRANEAN", AND SEVERAL OFFICERS VOICED EXPECTATION
FRANCE WOULD REJOIN NATO MILITARY STRUCTURE WITHIN NEXT TWO
YEARS.

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